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SPRINGFIELD, IL -- The Illinois Field Office of NASS today released the USDA's **August Crop Production Report**. State and national highlights of the report include:

#### ILLINOIS

The 2007 Illinois **corn** crop is expected to yield 178 bushels per acre, up 15 bushels from last year's yield. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record behind the 180 bushel yield in 2004. Production of corn for grain would be 2.314 billion bushels, up 27 percent from 2006. After being slowed down by a late freeze, farmers stormed ahead with planting activities, making excellent progress and getting the crop in ahead of last year and the five-year average. Excellent growing conditions during June and early July across most of the state have allowed the crop to develop at a quick pace. As of August 5, 73 percent of the crop was in the dough stage, compared to 61 percent last year and 54 percent for the five-year average. Corn condition was rated 30 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 17 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

**Soybean** production in 2007 is expected to reach 390.1 million bushels, 19 percent below last year's production. Yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, one bushel below last year. Soil moisture levels declined statewide during the month of July due to hot, dry, conditions. Soybeans have progressed well this growing season. As of August 5, 78 percent of the crop was setting pods compared to 65 percent last year and 62 percent for the five-year average. The condition of the soybean crop was rated as 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 21 percent excellent.

The 2007 **winter wheat** yield is estimated at 57 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast, and ten bushels below the 2006 record yield for the state. With 810 thousand acres harvested for grain, production would equal 46.2 million bushels, 24 percent below last year.

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## UNITED STATES

**Corn** production is forecast at 13.1 billion bushels, up 24 percent from last year and 17 percent above 2005. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 152.8 bushels per acre, up 3.7 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, behind the 160.4 bushel yield in 2004. However, production will be the largest on record as growers intend to harvest the most corn acres for grain since 1933. Yield forecasts are higher than last year across the Great Plains where frequent rainfall during much of the growing season provided abundant soil moisture for filling the crop. Higher yields are also expected in the central Corn Belt and Delta where timely rains benefited the crop. Expected yields across much of the northern and eastern Corn Belt, Ohio Valley, Tennessee Valley, Southeast, and Atlantic Coast States are below last year as hot, dry conditions during much of the growing season reduced soil moisture supplies and stressed the crop.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 2.63 billion bushels, down 18 percent from last year's record high and down 14 percent from 2005. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.5 bushels per acre, down 1.2 bushels from last year. Yields are lower than 2006 throughout most of the Atlantic Coast States, most of the Corn Belt, and the Tennessee Valley, while yields are expected to remain unchanged or increase across the Great Plains, the Gulf Coast States, and Arkansas. Area for harvest, at 63.3 million acres, remains unchanged from June but is down 15 percent from 2006.

**Winter wheat** production is forecast at 1.54 billion bushels. This is down two percent from last month but 18 percent above 2006. The U.S. yield is forecast at 41.3 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month and down 0.4 bushel from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 37.2 million acres, down one percent from last month but up 20 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter, at 948 million bushels, is down two percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 360 million bushels, is down one percent from the last forecast. White Winter is down two percent from last month and now totals 230 million bushels. Of this total, 17.8 million bushels are Hard White and 212 million bushels are Soft White.

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**CORN, 2006 - August 1, 2007**

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	1,857	2,089	1,824	2,046	176	186	321,025.8	380,556
Northeast	1,045	1,245	1,028	1,229	176	186	181,420.1	228,594
West	1,069	1,234	1,055	1,217	158	182	166,525.8	221,494
Central	1,619	1,904	1,603	1,879	175	196	280,172.7	368,284
East	1,596	1,855	1,581	1,831	174	182	274,834.1	333,242
West Southwest	1,612	1,838	1,597	1,812	153	180	244,447.8	326,160
East Southeast	1,490	1,721	1,468	1,696	149	169	218,832.6	286,624
Southwest	484	627	472	613	123	133	58,058.5	81,713
Southeast	528	687	522	677	138	129	72,132.6	87,333
ILLINOIS	11,300	13,200	11,150	13,000	163	178	1,817,450.0	2,314,000

**SOYBEANS, 2006 - August 1, 2007**

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	1,070	821	1,065	816	52	52	55,380.7	42,432
Northeast	790	674	786	669	51	51	40,088.5	34,119
West	943	774	939	771	47	49	44,160.6	37,779
Central	1,252	943	1,247	938	53	54	66,139.4	50,652
East	1,382	1,119	1,376	1,113	52	52	71,565.8	57,876
West Southwest	1,295	1,077	1,288	1,071	47	47	60,538.3	50,337
East Southeast	1,669	1,421	1,660	1,413	47	46	78,020.6	64,998
Southwest	899	798	894	793	37	35	33,117.5	27,755
Southeast	800	723	795	716	42	35	33,388.6	24,152
ILLINOIS	10,100	8,350	10,050	8,300	48	47	482,400.0	390,100

**WINTER WHEAT, 2006 - August 1, 2007**

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	37	36	35	32	77	72	2,695	2,291
Northeast	51	54	50	47	83	68	4,150	3,196
West	47	62	46	54	71	69	3,266	3,726
Central	35	42	34	36	70	58	2,381	2,088
East	61	72	60	48	85	53	5,097	2,544
West Southwest	121	132	118	119	66	56	7,787	6,664
East Southeast	163	178	160	159	69	62	11,040	9,858
Southwest	281	268	276	223	60	49	16,564	10,927
Southeast	134	126	131	92	61	53	7,990	4,876
ILLINOIS	930	970	910	810	67	57	60,970	46,170

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